

City of Newport Beach

Newport Beach City Arts Commission June 12, 2008– 5:00pm Central Library Friends Room

Convened at 5:05pm

Call To Order And Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Carol Starcevic, Secretary
Wendy Brooks
Arlene Cartozian
Gil Lasky
Kirwan Rockefeller, Chair
Robyn Grant

Commissioners Absent: Jerold Allison

Staff Present: Jana Barbier, Staff Liaison, Cultural Arts Coordinator

Public Present: Kathy Harrison, Fred Cartozian, Carole Boller

Public Comments: None

New Business: Kirwan Rockefeller dedicated the meeting to outgoing commissioner, Arlene Cartozian. He noted that several committee reports would be tabled, to allow time to review the 2008 Cultural Arts Grant applications.

Approval of Minutes: It was MSP (Starcevic/Brooks) to approve the May 8, 2008 minutes.

Continued Business:

Staff Report /Correspondence - Staff distributed a thank you letter from the Newport Beach Film Festival, and an invitation to attend the Baroque Music Festival. Arts Commissioners were reminded that the first concert in the park would take place on June 29; and that the McFadden Square Centennial Legacy Project unveiling would take place on July 21 at 9:30am.

Committee Updates:

Performing Arts Committee – Tabled

Fine Arts Committee – Tabled

Art in Public Places Committee -

Staff updated the commission on the status of the McFadden Square Centennial Project

Civic Auditorium Facility Committee -

This committee would be removed from future agendas

Arts Foundation Liaison Committee - Tabled***Cultural Arts Grant Review:***

Rockefeller opened discussion regarding a motion that had been made at the May 8 meeting regarding the Arts Commission using \$20,000 of the Cultural Arts Grant funds. He suggested that the Commissioners reconsider this based on what this funding could be used for, and noted that it was not to be used for anything other than programming. Staff noted that by the July 10 meeting there would be a decision as to whether City Council would approve a request for an additional \$8,000 in the Cultural Arts budget for programs such as Shakespeare by the Sea.

The City Arts Commission has recommended awarding grants totaling \$40,000, based on the approval of \$8,000 in additional funds for programming such as Shakespeare by the Sea.

The Commission received written grant proposals from eleven organizations for funding of approximately \$62,840 in free cultural programming for the Newport Beach community. After careful deliberation the following recommendations were approved at the June 10, 2008 meeting:

Baroque Music Festival	\$3,500
City Arts Commission	\$12,000
Festival Ballet Theatre	\$2,000
Newport Beach Film Festival	\$8,000
Newport Harbor Nautical Museum	\$3,500
Orange County's Pacific Symphony	\$2,250
Philharmonic Society of Orange County	\$2,000
South Coast Repertory	\$2,500
Southland Opera	\$2,000
STOP-GAP	\$2,250

The Arts Commission elected not to fund the Menagerie Entertainment Organization in 2008. Completion reports for the 2007-2008 grant funding cycle from the *Orange County Museum of Art* and *Keith Glassman Dance and Performance* were reviewed. *Opera Pacific* had not

provided a Completion Report, and staff noted that their program had changed and would be presented on July 20 at Grant Howald Park.

Staff noted that a report would be prepared for the City Council meeting on July 22 to approve the Cultural Arts Grant funding recommendations.

Commissioner Announcements –

Commissioner Starcevic asked staff to record in the minutes that she had promised Evelyn Hart that a work from the “City Arts Collection” would be found for her office at Oasis Senior Center. Staff explained that all of the work available was already hanging in City offices or Council Chambers, but that she would try to find something to accommodate this request.

It was MSP (Lasky/Rockefeller) to adjourn the meeting.

Adjournment: 6:44p.m.